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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement**

**[Docket ID BSEE-2015-0003; OMB Control Number 1014-0016; 15XE1700DX  
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**Information Collection Activities: Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way (ROW);  
Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment  
Request**

**ACTION:** 30-day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) is notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under Subpart J, *Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way (ROW)*. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the revised paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

**DATES:** You must submit comments by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by either fax (202) 395-5806 or email ([OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov)) directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1014-0016). Please provide a copy of your comments to BSEE by any of the means below.

- Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter BSEE-2015-0003 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.
- Email [cheryl.blundon@bsee.gov](mailto:cheryl.blundon@bsee.gov), fax (703) 787-1546, or mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Regulations and Standards Branch; ATTN: Cheryl Blundon; 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166. Please reference ICR 1014-0016 in your comment and include your name and return address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch, (703) 787-1607, to request additional information about this ICR. To see a copy of the entire ICR submitted to OMB, go to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (select Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** 30 CFR 250, Subpart J, *Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way (ROW)*.

**Form:** BSEE-0149.

**OMB Control Number:** 1014-0016.

**Abstract:** The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act at (43 U.S.C. 1334), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the leasing provisions of the Act related to mineral resources on the OCS. Such rules and regulations apply to all operations conducted under a lease, pipeline right-of-way (ROW), or a right-of-use and easement. Section 1334(e) authorizes the Secretary to grant ROWs through the submerged lands of the OCS for pipelines “. . . for the transportation of oil, natural gas, sulphur, or other minerals, or under such regulations

and upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary, . . . including (as provided in Section 1347(b) of this title) assuring maximum environmental protection by utilization of the best available and safest technologies, including the safest practices for pipeline burial. . . .”

In addition to the general authority of OCSLA, section 301(a) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1751(a), grants authority to the Secretary to prescribe such rules and regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry out FOGRMA’s provisions. While the majority of FOGRMA is directed to royalty collection and enforcement, some provisions apply to offshore operations. For example, section 109(c)(2) and (d)(1), 30 U.S.C. 1719(c)(2) and (d)(1), impose substantial civil penalties for failure to permit lawful inspections and for knowing or willful preparation or submission of false, inaccurate, or misleading reports, records, or other information. The Secretary has delegated some of the authority under FOGRMA to BSEE.

The Independent Offices Appropriations Act (31 U.S.C. 9701), the Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Pub. L. 104-133, 110 Stat. 1321, April 26, 1996), and OMB Circular A-25, authorize Federal agencies to recover the full cost of services that confer special benefits. Under the Department of the Interior’s implementing policy, BSEE is required to charge the full cost for services that provide special benefits or privileges to an identifiable non-Federal recipient above and beyond those that accrue to the public at large. Several requests for approval required in Subpart K are subject to cost recovery and BSEE regulations specify service fees for these requests.

This authority and responsibility are among those delegated to BSEE. The regulations at 30 CFR 250, Subpart J, pertain to the regulatory requirements relating to

pipelines and pipeline ROWs on the OCS and are the subject of this collection. This collection also covers the related Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs) that BSEE issues to clarify and provide additional guidance on some aspects of the regulations.

The current Subpart J regulations specify the use of form BSEE-0149, Assignment of Federal OCS Pipeline Right-of-Way Grant. BSEE uses the information on the information submitted via the form to track the holdership of pipeline ROWs; as well as use this information to update the corporate database that is used to determine what leases are available for a Lease Sale and the ownership of all OCS leases. In this collection, we made a minor revision to the form. Under Part A – Assignment – we added in the under legal description, “and any accessory information.” Under § 250.1012, pipeline ROW grants can include accessories. Therefore, when transferring a Pipeline ROW grant, the description of the pipeline ROW grant should identify everything. This will help facilitate BSEE’s review when an application has been submitted.

Responses are mandatory or are required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a sensitive nature are asked. BSEE protects information considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and DOI’s implementing regulations (43 CFR 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR Part 250.197, *Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection*, 30 CFR Part 252, *OCS Oil and Gas Information Program*.

Lessees and pipeline ROW holders design the pipelines that they install, maintain, and operate. To ensure those activities are performed in a safe manner, BSEE needs information concerning the proposed pipeline and safety equipment, inspections and tests, and natural and manmade hazards near the proposed pipeline route. BSEE uses the

information to review pipeline designs prior to approving an application for an ROW or lease term pipeline to ensure that the pipeline, as constructed, will provide for safe transportation of minerals through the submerged lands of the OCS. BSEE reviews proposed pipeline routes to ensure that the pipelines would not conflict with any State requirements or unduly interfere with other OCS activities. BSEE reviews proposals for taking pipeline safety equipment out of service to ensure alternate measures are used that will properly provide for the safety of the pipeline and associated facilities (platform, etc.). BSEE reviews notifications of relinquishment of ROW grants and requests to decommission pipelines for regulatory compliance and to ensure that all legal obligations are met. BSEE monitors the records concerning pipeline inspections and tests to ensure safety of operations and protection of the environment and to schedule witnessing trips and inspections. Information is also necessary to determine the point at which DOI or Department of Transportation (DOT) has regulatory responsibility for a pipeline and to be informed of the identified operator if not the same as the pipeline ROW holder.

**Frequency:** On occasion and as required by regulations.

**Description of Respondents:** Potential respondents include Federal OCS lessees, lease operators, and holders of pipeline ROWs.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:** The estimated annual hour burden for this information collection is a total of 36,564 hours. The following chart details the individual components and estimated hour burdens. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

## BURDEN TABLE

Citation 30 CFR 250 Subpart J and related NTL(s)	Reporting & Recordkeeping Requirement*	Hour Burden	Average No. of Annual Responses	Annual Burden Hours (rounded)
		Non-Hour Cost Burdens		
Lease Term (L/T) Pipeline (P/L) Applications				
1000(b)(1); 1004(b)(5); 1007(a)	Submit application and all required information and notices to install new L/T P/L.	92	61-new L/T P/L applications	5,612
		\$3,541 x 61 L/T P/L applications = \$216,001		
1000(b)(1); 1007(b)	Submit application and all required information and notices to modify a L/T P/L	30	102 modifications	3,060
		\$2,056 x 102 L/T P/L applications = \$209,712		
1000(b)(1);	Submit an application to decommission a lease-term pipeline	Burden covered under 1014-0010, 30 CFR 250, Subpart Q.		0
Subtotal			163 responses	8,672 hours
			\$425,713 non-hour cost burdens	
Right of Way (ROW) P/L Applications and Grants				
1000(b)(2), (d); 1004(b)(5); 1007(a); 1009(a); 1015; 1016	Submit application and all required information and notices for new P/L ROW grant and to install a new ROW P/L.	107	62-new ROW grant and P/L applications	6,634
		\$2,771 x 62 applications = \$171,802		
1000(b)(2), (3); 1007(b); 1017	Submit application and all required information and notices to modify a P/L ROW grant and to modify an ROW P/L (includes route modifications, cessation of operations, partial relinquishments, hot taps, and new and modified accessory platforms).	45	190 modifications	8,550
		\$4,169 x 190 applications = \$792,110		
1000(b)(3); 1010(h); 1017(b)(2)(ii); 1019	Submit application and all required information and notices to relinquish P/L ROW grant.	Burden covered under 1014-0010, 30 CFR 250, Subpart Q.		0
1015	Submit application and all required information and notices for a P/L ROW grant to convert a lease-term P/L to an ROW P/L.	15	15 conversions	225
		\$236 x 15 applications = \$3,540		
1016	Request opportunity to eliminate conflict when an application has been rejected.	5	1 request	5
1018	Submit application and all required information and notices for assignment of a pipeline ROW grant using Form BSEE-0149 (burden includes approximately 30 minutes to fill out form).	13	275 assignments	3,575
		\$201 x 275 P/L ROW requests = \$55,275		
Subtotal			543 responses	18,989 hours

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		Non-Hour Cost Burdens		
			\$1,022,727 non-hour cost burdens	
Notifications and Reports				
1004(b)(5)	In lieu of a continuous volumetric comparison system, request substitution; submit any supporting documentation if requested/required.	35	1 submittal	35
1007(a)(4)(i)(A); (B); (C)	Provide specified information in your pipeline application if using unbonded flexible pipe.	4	20 submittals	80
1007(a)(4)(i)(D)	Provide results of third party IVA review in your pipeline application if using unbonded flexible pipe.	For risers, this verification is included in the IVA analysis. For jumpers, it is not required.		0
1007(a)(4)(ii)	Provide specified information in your pipeline application.	25	40 applications	1,000
1008(a)	Notify BSEE before constructing or relocating a pipeline.	½	62 notices	31
1008(a)	Notify BSEE before conducting a pressure test.	½	87 notices	44
1008(b)	Submit L/T P/L construction report.	18	28 reports	504
1008(b)	Submit ROW P/L construction report.	19	17 reports	323
1008(c)	Notify BSEE of any pipeline taken out of service.	½	415 notices	208
1008(d)	Notify BSEE of any pipeline safety equipment taken out of service more than 12 hours.	½	2 notices	1
1008(e)	Notify BSEE of any repair and include procedures.	3	156 notices	468
		\$388 x 156 notices = \$60,528		
1008(e)	Submit repair report.	4	132 reports	528
1008(f)	Submit report of pipeline failure analysis.	½	4 reports	2
1008(g)	Submit plan of corrective action and report of any remedial action.	13	19 plans/reports	247
1008(h)	Submit the results and conclusions of pipe-to-electrolyte potential measurements.	1	794 results	794
1010(c)	Notify BSEE of any archaeological resource discovery.	5	1 notices	5
1010(d)	Notify BSEE of P/L ROW holder’s name and address changes.	Not considered IC under 5 CFR 1320.3(h).		0
Subtotal			1,778 responses	4,270 hours
			\$60,528 non-hour cost burdens	
General				
1000(c)(2)	Identify in writing P/L operator on ROW if different from ROW grant holder.	Cover by applicable applications		0

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		Non-Hour Cost Burdens		
1000(c)(3)	Mark specific point on P/L where operating responsibility transfers to transporting operator or depict transfer point on a schematic located on the facility. One-time requirement after final rule published; now part of application or construction process involving no additional burdens.			0
1000(c)(4)	Petition BSEE for exceptions to general operations transfer point description.	5	1 petition	5
1000(c)(8)	Request BSEE recognize valves landward of last production facility but still located on OCS as point where BSEE regulatory authority begins (none received to date).	1	1 request	1
1000(c)(12)	Petition BSEE to continue to operate under DOT regulations upstream of last valve on last production facility (one received to date).	40	1 petition	40
1000(c)(13)	Transporting P/L operator petition to DOT and BSEE to continue to operate under BSEE regulations (none received to date)	40	1 petition	40
1004(c)	Place sign on safety equipment identified as ineffective and removed from service.	See footnote <u>1</u> /		0
1000-1019	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart J regulations.	2	200 requests	400
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>204 responses</b>	<b>486 hours</b>
<b>Recordkeeping</b>				
1000-1008	Make available to BSEE design, construction, operation, maintenance, testing, and repair records on lease-term P/Ls <sup>2/</sup> .	5	128 lease-term P/L operators	640
1005(a)	Inspect P/L routes for indication of leakage <sup>1/</sup> , record results, maintain records 2 years <sup>2/</sup> .	2 per month = 24	128 lease-term P/L operators	3,072
1010(g)	Make available to BSEE design, construction, operation, maintenance, testing, and repair records on P/L ROW area and improvements <sup>2/</sup> .	5	87 P/L ROW holders	435
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>343 responses</b>	<b>4,147 hours</b>
<b>TOTAL HOUR BURDENS</b>			<b>3,031 responses</b>	<b>36,564 hours</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-HOUR COST BURDENS</b>			<b>\$1,508,968 non-hour cost burdens</b>	

<sup>1/</sup> These activities are usual and customary practices for prudent operators.

<sup>2/</sup> Retaining these records is usual and customary business practice; required burden is minimal to make available to BSEE.

\* In the future, BSEE will be allowing the option of electronic reporting for certain requirements.



**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden:** We have identified seven non-hour cost burdens, all of which are the cost recovery fees required under 30 CFR 250, subpart J. However, note that the actual fee amounts are specified in 30 CFR 250.125, which provides a consolidated table of all of the fees required under the 30 CFR 250 regulations. The total of the non-hour cost burden (cost recovery fees) in this IC request is an estimated \$1,508,968.

The non-hour cost burdens required in 30 CFR 250, subpart J (and respective cost-recovery fee amount per transaction) are required under:

§ 250.1000(b) – New Pipeline Application (lease term) - \$3,541

§ 250.1000(b) – Pipeline Application Modification (lease term) - \$2,056

§ 250.1000(b) – Pipeline Application Modification (ROW) - \$4,169

§ 250.1008(e) – Pipeline Repair Notification - \$388

§ 250.1015(a) – Pipeline ROW Grant Application - \$2,771

§ 250.1015(a) – Pipeline Conversion from Lease Term to ROW - \$236

§ 250.1018(b) – Pipeline ROW Assignment - \$201

We have not identified any other non-hour cost burdens associated with this collection of information.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

**Comments:** Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency “. . . to provide notice . . . and otherwise consult with members of the public and

affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information . . .” Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) evaluate whether the collection is necessary or useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on April 10, 2015, we published a **Federal Register** notice (69 FR 19348) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 250.199 provides the OMB Control Number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR 250, Subpart J regulations and the form. The regulation also informs the public that they may comment at any time on the collections of information and provides the address to which they should send comments. We received one comment in response to the Federal Register notice or unsolicited comments from respondents covered under these regulations. The comment was from a private citizen and it was not germane to the paperwork burden of this ICR.

**Public Availability of Comments:** Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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Date

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